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REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are presently pending in the application.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable in view of Schaaaj (U.S. Patent No. 6,056,640). The Examiner's basis for the rejection appears to be similar to that used in the prior Office Action, with the words "an occurrence," "which is" and "becomes aware of said first action and" being added to the fourth bullet paragraph on page 3 of the Office Action.


Regarding this rejection, Applicants would like to thank Examiner Scott E. Jones for the Examiner Interview kindly extended and conducted with Applicants' representative, Kenton R. Mullins, on February 28, 2007, at which time, following some discussion, it was indicated by Examiner Jones that the claims as presently presented would appear to distinguish over the prior art of record. It was suggested that submission of the current Response by Applicants would likely result in a withdrawal of the outstanding prior-art rejection. Examiner Jones, of course, reserved the right to review the case in greater detail and to conduct an update search. As a result of the mentioned Examiner Interview, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

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In view of the above, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions

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